## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- A semiconductor laser device, wherein
  a silicon oxide film is formed so as to be in contact with at least one
  end of a semiconductor laser element crystal as an end face protection film
  for a semiconductor laser element.
- 2. The semiconductor laser device according to claim 1, wherein silicon oxide forming said silicon oxide film has an index of refraction of at least 1.6.
- 3. The semiconductor laser device according to claim 1, wherein a main emission face of said semiconductor laser element has a reflectivity of 6% to 17%, and a back face thereof has a reflectivity of at least 85%.
  - 4. The semiconductor laser device according to claim 1, wherein another film is formed outside said silicon oxide film.
  - 5. The semiconductor laser device according to claim 4, wherein alumina is used as a material for forming another film.
  - 6. The semiconductor laser device according to claim 4, wherein said silicon oxide film has a film thickness of 0.5nm to 20nm.
- 7. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor laser device having a silicon oxide film formed so as to be in contact with at least one end of a semiconductor laser element crystal and another film formed outside said silicon oxide film, wherein
- said silicon oxide film and another film are formed in a single chamber.
  - 8. A method of manufacturing a semiconductor laser device having

a silicon oxide film formed so as to be in contact with at least one end of a semiconductor laser element crystal, wherein

said silicon oxide film is formed by resistance heating vapor deposition.

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